

MEDALS OF HONOR.

JANUARY 13, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CUMMINGS, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 223.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 223) relative to the medal of honor authorized by the acts of December 21, 1861, and July 16, 1862, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

A joint resolution was passed and became a law at the first session of the present Congress, providing that a ribbon should be issued to any person to whom a medal of honor had been awarded or might hereafter be awarded under the provisions of the joint resolution approved July 12, 1862, and the act approved March 3, 1863. These acts of Congress applied to all soldiers, but did not include sailors who received the medal of honor under acts approved December 21, 1861, and July 16, 1862. This resolution proposes to give to the sailors the same privileges that the soldiers received, and no more.

The committee unanimously recommend its passage.

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